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**FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FINE SILVER PARTICLE COLLOIDAL  
DISPERSION, FINE SILVER PARTICLE COLLOIDAL DISPERSION, AND  
CONDUCTIVE SILVER FILM**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED August 28, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: September 23, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **August 28, 2008**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-4; Group (II), Claims 5-8; Group (III), Claims 8 and 29, Group (IV), Claims 9-13; Group (V), Claims 14-17, Group (VI), Claims 18 and 30, Group (VII), Claims 19-23, Group (VIII), Claims 24-27 and Group (IX), Claims 28 and 31.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (IV), Claims 9-13 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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